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Title: RF ABLATION CATHETER INCLUDING A VIRTUAL  
ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner For Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Office Action mailed July 14, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, the species of Group I, defined by Claims 1-46.

REMARKS

The traversal is based on applicants' understanding that there is no undue burden imposed on the Examiner to examine the subject application as originally filed.

The Examiner has further presented an election of species requirement. Applicant respectfully traverses this requirement and the designation of species. FIGS. 1-5 relate to various aspects of the same embodiment. See paragraph 15 of the present application. Thus, Species I and II, as designated by the Examiner, do not appear to be different species at all. FIG. 6 is simply a particular geometrical arrangement of the pores present in FIGS. 1-5, and should be included in the search. Thus, the only apparent distinct species is that of FIG.